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Senate Bill No. 1048

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The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. FLEXER of the 29th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ONLINE DATABASE FOR STATE EXPENDITURES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Section 2-53*l* of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (a) On or before July 1, 2011, until the effective date of this section, the legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis shall establish and maintain searchable online electronic databases [on the Internet and located] on said office's Internet web site for purposes of posting state expenditures, including state contracts and grants. On and after the effective date of this section, said databases shall be maintained by the office of the Comptroller on said office's publicly accessible Internet web site for purposes of posting state and quasi-public agency expenditures, including disaggregated payments and data related to state and quasi-public agency contracts and grants, state and quasi-public agency employee payroll and state retiree pensions.

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14 (b) Each budgeted agency, as defined in section 4-69, and quasi-15 <u>public agency</u>, as defined in section 1-120, shall submit, in a timely 16 manner, any information requested by the [legislative Office of Fiscal 17 Analysis] <u>Comptroller</u> for the purpose of [establishing and] 18 maintaining the electronic databases.

- [(c) On or before January 15, 2013, and annually thereafter, the legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies on the establishment and maintenance of the electronic databases, with any recommendations for improving or expanding the operation or capacity of such databases.
- (d) Following the establishment of the electronic databases, the Auditors of Public Accounts shall review the procedures and security used to develop the electronic databases and report, in accordance with section 11-4a, any findings or recommendations based on such review to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.]
- [(e)] (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a state or quasi-public agency to: (1) Create unavailable financial or management data or an information technology system that does not exist, or (2) disclose consumer, client, patient, [or] student or other information otherwise protected by law from disclosure.

This act shal sections:	This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:	
Section 1	from passage	2-531

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill, which transfers the responsibility for maintaining the searchable online electronic database concerning state expenditures from the Office of Fiscal Analysis (OFA) to the Office of the State Comptroller, has no fiscal impact.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

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OLR Bill Analysis SB 1048

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SUMMARY

This bill transfers responsibility for maintaining the searchable online electronic databases concerning state expenditures from the Office of Fiscal Analysis (OFA) to the Office of the State Comptroller. It expands the databases' content to include quasi-public agency expenditures and requires them to submit to the comptroller any related information he requests. The bill specifies that the databases must include state and quasi-public agency disaggregated payments and data related to employee payroll and state retiree pensions, which conforms to current practice.

The bill also makes technical and conforming changes. For example, it removes an obsolete OFA reporting requirement on the implementation status of the existing databases and a related state auditors' review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Yea 16 Nay 0 (03/20/2019)